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B.E.E.P. FOCUSES ON TRAILERS ON STREETS, ABANDONING VEHICLES ON ROADWAYS

March Bylaw Enforcement Education Program

Medicine Hat – For the month of March 2008, Bylaw Enforcement Education Program (B.E.E.P.) will be focusing on parking offences under City of Medicine Hat Traffic Bylaw #2434.

Sections specifically being observed are Section 6 related to the parking of trailers on the street, and Section 8 related to abandoning vehicles on the street.

"Section 6 of Bylaw #2434 prohibits parking of a trailer on a highway unless the trailer is attached to a motor vehicle by which it may be drawn", says Fred Crittenden, Supervisor, Municipal Bylaw Enforcement. "The exception is loading or unloading of a holiday trailer for a period not exceeding 24-hours."

Section 8 prohibits leaving leave any motor vehicle parked on a highway for a continuous period exceeding seventy-two hours. Highway includes a street or alley in the City of Medicine Hat. This is also a violation of Section 76(1)(a) of the Traffic Safety Act.

"Vehicles, including trailers, found in violation of these provisions may be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense", says Crittenden.

For more information on Traffic Bylaw #2434 visit the City of Medicine Hat website at www.medicinehat.ca. For information on the Bylaw Enforcement Education Program contact Fred Crittenden at 529-8436.

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